except that in the interest of economy, locally available low-cost and durable materials should be used. As on standard materials/ designs etc. have been prescribed, it is difficult to opine whether substandard houses are being constructed.

Wherever complaints of poor quality construction of IAY houses have been received, the Government of India has got the matter enquired into through the State Government agencies and asked the State Governments to take remedial action.

The Government of India has also reiterated recently its guidelines that outside contractors should not be employed for construction of houses and that the beneficiaries should be involved in the construction right from the very beginning.

[*English*]

Uniformity in Subsidy on Fertilizers

5549. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI C.P. MUDLA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no uniformity in the subsidy on fertilizers;

(b) whether there is a demand by the farmers and agricultural university experts to bring in uniformity therein; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Since subsidy is the difference between the retention price (minus dealer's margin) of a particular fertilizer produced by a particular unit and the statutorily notified consumer price of that fertilizer, subsidy differs from unit to unit.

(b) No such request has been received by the Department of Fertilizers.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Jaipur Industries Ltd.

5550. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA). Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take over "Jaipur Industries Limited" of Sawai Madhopur (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of the decision proposed to be taken with regard to the employees working in the said unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The matter regarding revival/rehabilitation of Jaipur Udyog Limited, Sawai Madhopur is before the BIFR, Which is a quasi-judicial body.

[*English*]

Institute of Ocean Development in Andaman & Nicobar

5551. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open an Institute of Ocean Development in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for research and education purposes; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI ARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. The Government have no proposal at present to open an institute of ocean development in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands exclusively for reasearch and education purposes. However, the Department of Ocean Development have established in 1991 an Andaman & Nicobar Centre for Ocean Development (ANCOD) at Port Blair in Andamans which will provide basic facilites for coordinating programmes on ocean related activities.

(b) Since the ANCOD is already taking care of programmes on ocean related activities in A&N Islands, the necessity to set up another Institute of Ocean Development for research and education purpose does not arise at present.

Golden Hand Shake scheme for employees of public sector undertakings

5552. PROF. UMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any "Golden Hand Shake" Scheme for the employees taking voluntary retirement in various public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the public sector undertakings where the scheme has been or proposed to be introduced;

(d) the amount allotted in the budget for the year 1992-93 for this scheme; and

(e) whether there will be any assistance from any foreign financial agency for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). Government has advised Central Public Sector Enterprises who have surplus manpower to their requirement to adopt Voluntary Retirement Scheme under which the following benefits are admissible to the employees opting for voluntary retirement;

(i) the balance in his Provident Fund Account payable as per the CPF regulations.

(ii) cash equivalent of accumulated earned leave as per the rules of the enterprises.

(iii) gratuity as per Gratuity Act or the gratuity scheme applicable to the employees.

(iv) one month's/three months' notice pay (as per the conditions of service applicable to him).

(v) an ex-gratia payment equivalent to 1 1/2 months' emoluments (pay+DA) for each copmleted year of Service of the monthly emo lument (pay+DA) at the time of retirement multiplied by the balance months of service left before the normal date of retirement, whichever is less.

(vi) the employees and his